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A BATCH OF GOOD STORIES.

A BOLD AND CRUEL. When Chevalier was appearing on one occasion at Collins's, Irvington Green, two of the audience were noticed to take up their position behind the bar, and commenced discussing musical matters.

Presently, the chairman announced Chevalier's name, and one of the men alluded to remarks to his companion, "Wonder Chevalier don't retire, I s'pose 'e's a millionaire pretty nearly by this time. The other shivered his shoulders. "Well, he's got a bit, 'e's got a bit; but they're all easy come, easy go. Having voted his opinion on artistic improprieties, he changed the subject and asked, "What do you think of 'im?" His companion hesitated a moment, as he listened to the refrain of "The Nipper's Lullaby," which the musician was still playing, and then answered, "Oh, 'e's right, when he don't sing through 'is nasal!"

Sometimes his hearers were more complimentary, as when one of them stopped him at the Pavilion door, remarked how much he admired him, and said, "Come and 'ave a drink." "No, thank you," replied Chevalier. "Sorry you can't stop, Alford," was the reply; "ere's the price of a glass of ale—treat yourself!"

SIR JOHN ASHLEY'S WIFE. Mr. Chevalier tells of a pathetic incident which occurred at the Pavilion when he came off the stage one evening in his make-up as an old labouring man. A gentleman of between sixty and seventy had called to see him.

He had come to know if I would sing at a concert he was organising. We sat talking for some minutes, and I could not help noticing that he treated me as a man of at least his own age, if not his senior; he was not connected with the theatrical profession, and, consequently, knew very little about the art of "making-up." Suddenly, remembering an appointment, I rose to my feet, and rubbed out the pointed wrinkles. His face changed also, as in tones I shall never forget, I heard him murmur, "I wish I could do that." The gentleman in question was the late Sir John Ashley.

A STORY OF A TRAINER. Cantante is reported by "Bapier" to have told a funny story of the trainer Weaver, who died the other day:—

Weaver was picked up for dead in a chaise at Worcester, carried to an hotel, and put to bed without consciousness; the medical man pronounced it a case of great danger, requiring careful watching and left him with some bed-room friends. As soon as they were alone Teddy opened one eye, looked round the room, and said, "Tom, are they getting up a subscription or a testimonial or anything of that sort?" "No! No one has thought of such a thing," replied Tom. "Then," said the injured man, "it's no use stopping bumbanging here in bed!" So he rose, dressed, and went to dinner.

A SIR HENRY IRVING STORY. Some good stories are told concerning the famous actor in an interesting and profusely illustrated "Souvenir of Sir Henry Irving," by Mr. Walter Calvert, just issued by Deano, Chan, and Co. One will be readily understood. Many years ago, when Sir Henry was playing in Dublin, he was suddenly called up to undertake a heavy part, the actor who was cast for it having been taken ill. In those days the gallery boys were a much greater conversationalist than he is now. If a couple of gallery friends were separated, they thought nothing of building a conversation across the house whilst the play was in progress. When Sir Henry made his first appearance on this occasion, one youth shouted to another, "Is that him, ah?" "No," came the reply, "that is the young man's clothes; they'll shove him out later on!"

THE TEACHING OF GEOGRAPHY. The teaching of geography in many London schools is bad, but in some parts of the country it seems to be worse. A shipbroker in Newcastle had several applications for the post of office-boy the other day, and one of the applicants, a lad of fifteen and a-half years of age, gave the following replies to questions which were put to him:—"Where is Copenhagen?" "Never heard of such a place. Where is Berlin?" "In Africa. Where is Denmark?" "Ireland. Where is Lutha?" "America. What is the capital of Norway?" "Sweden. Where is Stockholm?" "Germany. Where is Paris?" "Smith's!" "Well, in Turkey. Where is Glasgow?" "What's that? I've never heard of it." "On being asked how he knew that, and why he appeared to be so proud of his reply, he answered, "Because my father came from Glasgow." This boy received his education at a "high school!"

CAMBRIDGE STORIES. All good stories have many origins, and Grant points out that most of the best stories of Cambridge life are based about among a small circle of recognized writers. The late Master of Balliol was justly entitled the victim of many a borrowed joke, and it is related of him that he once asked an undergraduate to tell him all the stories that were attributed to him. The first was very long, and at the end of it Jowett said, "Thank you, I told all those of my predecessors, except one, and that is not true."—*Westminster Budget.*

RADNOTES.—What was that girl arrested for? Cheesey? For being a foolish virgin. Radnoter.—Nonsense! Cheesey.—Fact. She had no oil in the lamp of her bike.

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The other day we had a talk with a man who knew a little of the world around him as a baby. Yet he was a man of naturally true intelligence. He had just been released from prison. For years he had been incarcerated under a life sentence. Recently, however, circumstances had arisen which proved his innocence, and he obtained his freedom. But nothing seemed as before. He had been so long in prison that the world around him was a new world. Many of his old friends were dead, and all were changed. A big slice of his career was lost, and worse than that. Could he ever make it up? No, never. Besides, although he had committed no offence, the mere fact that he had been convicted of one, would always place him at a disadvantage.

Difficult as it is in all ordinary conditions long illness produces results which resemble those of enforced solitude. When confined to his bed by disease we are virtually out of the world. Friends may, and do, pity us; but they do not sit down by our side and suffer with us. Ah! no. They go their own ways and leave us alone. Enjoyment, food, sleep, fresh air, movement, work, &c.—these are for them, not for us. Alas! for the poor prisoner whose jailer is some relentless disease. Who shall open the iron door and let him out into the world again?

"I never had any rest or pleasure," so writes a man whose letter we have just finished reading. "In the early part of 1888," he says, "a strange feeling came over me. I felt heavy, languid, and completely cured by the time I had a session of cholera in the throat as if I could not swallow. I was swollen, too, around the body, and got about with difficulty owing to increasing weakness."

At the pit of my stomach was a hungry, craving sensation, as though I needed support from food; yet the little I took did not do me the least good. My sleep was broken, and I awoke in the morning unrefreshed. For four years I was in this wretched state before I found relief."

This letter is signed by Mr. Charles H. Smith, of 10, New City Road, Glasgow, and dated February 10th, 1893. Be it remembered how he was at last delivered from the slavery of illness, let us listen to the words of a lady on the same theme: Mrs. Mary Ann Russell, of Station Road, Mifflin, near Glasgow. In a brief note dated January 3rd, 1893, Mrs. Russell says she suffered in a similar way for over fifteen years. Her hands and feet were cold and clammy, and she was pale and bloodless. She had pain in the left side and palpitation, and her breathing was short and hurried. No medicine would do her any good. At last, however, she was cured by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People.

The real element in both these cases was indigestion and dyspepsia, with its natural consequences. Through the chronic state of the stomach, the blood was impure, and the blood impure, the body was diseased. Man and woman are torn to pieces by it as vessels are by the rocks on which they are driven by tempests. No comprehensive and all-embracing remedy is it that will cure almost all there is no other disease. It signifies life transformed into death, bread turned into poison. Watch for its earliest signs—especially the feeling of weariness, languor, and fatigue, which announce its approach. Prevention is better than cure.

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Hongkong, January 23, 1896. 188

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

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The Steamship
Hengchow, Capt. Beaman, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 28th Instant.

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Hongkong, January 24, 1896. 193

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON, HAMBURG AND ANTWERP.

The Steamship
Glenamara, Capt. Vivian, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 28th Instant, instead of as previously advertised.

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Hongkong, January 14, 1896. 20

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, SAMARANG AND SOERABAYA.

The Co's Steamship
Kaiyong, Capt. J. K. Brown, will be despatched as above on or about THURSDAY, the 30th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, January 23, 1896. 185

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR LONDON, VIA PORTS OF CALL.

The Co's Steamship
Kaiyong, Capt. E. W. Marshall, will be despatched as above on or about the 30th Instant.

For Freight, apply to
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Hongkong, January 14, 1896. 101

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Co's Steamship
Glenamara, Capt. Vivian, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 1st February.

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FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

Following the S.S. Polyphemus.

The Steamship
Lemnos, will be despatched about 14th February.

S.S. Glaxia will be despatched about 4th March.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
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Hongkong, January 4, 1896. 32

GREEN LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

FOR MARSEILLES AND LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship
Glenamara, Capt. Webster, will be despatched as above on or about WEDNESDAY, the 5th February.

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Hongkong, January 24, 1896. 189

FOR SINGAPORE, HAVRE AND ANTWERP.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL AND BREMEN.)

The Steamship
Thetis, Capt. E. C. Cunningham, will be despatched for the above Ports on or about WEDNESDAY, the 5th February.

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Hongkong, January 16, 1896. 120

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON, HAMBURG AND ANTWERP.

To arrive via S.S. Glenamara.

The Steamship
Morionshire, Capt. Davila, will be despatched for the above Ports on or about the 8th February.

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Hongkong, January 25, 1896. 191

Shipping.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR NEW YORK.
The S/S J.J.I. American Ship
David Berns, Rogers, Master, shortly expected, will lead here for the above Port, and will be despatched out on about the 13th February, 1896.

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CARLOWITZ & Co.

Hongkong, January 14, 1896. 2485

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The 100 A.I. British Ship
Brookfield, Capt. Ferguson, Master, will lead here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

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SHEWAN & Co.

Hongkong, December 5, 1895. 2277

FOR NEW YORK.

The S/S A.J.I. American Ship
John R. Kelly, Capt. Chapman, having arrived, will lead here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

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ARNHOLD, KALBERG & Co.

Hongkong, November 21, 1895. 2173

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

The Company's Steamship *Opeck*, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Company, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Office of the Undersigned before Noon on the 31st Instant, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 28th Instant, at 3 o'clock p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 28th Instant will be subject to rent.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon on the 28th Instant.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 22, 1896. 174

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

STEAMSHIP *ETON*, FROM ANTWERP, LONDON AND STRAITS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Company, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims remaining undelivered after the 28th Inst. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 28th Inst., on day will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 28th Inst., at 3 p.m.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 23, 1896. 154

STEAMSHIP *OCEANIAN*.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London ex S.S. *Guadalupe* and *Guadalupe*, from Havre ex S.S. *Guadalupe*, and from Bordeaux ex S.S. *Ville de Paris*, *Nantes*, *Bordeaux* and *Paris*, *Le Havre*, in connection with above Steamers, are hereby informed that their Goods—with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables—are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Company, Ltd., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless informed to the contrary by the Consignee before Noon To-day (Tuesday), the 21st Inst., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining undelivered after Tuesday, the 28th Instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent, and landing charges.

All Claims must be sent in to me on or before Tuesday, the 28th Instant, or they will not be recognized.

All Damaged Packages will be examined on Tuesday, the 28th Inst., at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

C. TOUNAIRE, Acting Agent.

Hongkong, January 21, 1896. 168

FOR SALE.

Messrs. Kelly & Walsh's List includes the following Works by Dr. EITEL:

EUROPE IN CHINA: The History of Hongkong from the beginning to the year 1842. Hongkong, 1894. 96.50.

HANDBOOK OF BUDDHISM: A Sanskrit-Chinese Dictionary. Second Edition. Hongkong, 1895. 82.00.

THREE LECTURES ON BUDDHISM. Third Edition. Hongkong, 1894. 11.50.

FENGSHUI: Rudiments of Chinese Natural Science. Hongkong, 1878. 32.00.

CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANON: NON DICTIONARY: Four Volumes, with Appendix. Hongkong, 1877. 116.00. Bound, 111.00.

CHINESE SCHOOLBOOKS: Translated. I. The Trinitarian Classic. II. The Thousand Words Poem. 80.50 per set. Hongkong, August 9, 1895. 1467.

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